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UB To Offer The First Distance Learning Program in The State



Michael J. Giampaoli (Coordinator for Distance Education), Dr. Blonnie Thompson (Program Director, Human Nutrition), Dr. Frank Zolli (Dean, College of Chiropractic)

by Sharon Loh

The University of Bridgeport will offer a Distance Learning Program in Masters of Science in Human Nutrition by the coming fall semester.

It will be the first program of its kind in Connecticut. However, it is not yet approved by the State of Connecticut's Department of Education. The purpose of the Distance Learning program

is to extend one's education without being a full-time student.

The program is scheduled to begin in September and will be an actively ongoing program. UB is also planning to run other courses on the Internet beside the nutrition program. For example, International Business, Finance and various undergraduate courses.

Michael Giampaoli, coordinator for distance education, also pointed out that

George Mason University already teach their engineering courses on the Net. Not to be out done, the Computer Science department of UB already has courses on the Internet.

"Once the faculty gets more access to the Internet... they would be able to adjust their course curriculum into an Internet delivered curriculum", said Giampaoli in a recent telephone interview with the Scribe.

So far, 500 people have shown interest in the Nutrition program and 15 people have already signed up. The anticipation of students per-course was 15 to 20 people.

However, before the program can start, UB Online has to be completed and the completion time line is set for June. There will be a portion of everything on campus on UB Online, from the registrar's office, the Student Center, administration office, to The Scribe.

"We want to treat our Online students the same with the campus students," said Giampaoli in a presentation during a faculty meeting on Thursday, February 20.

There will also be faculty training workshops for the instructors to get familiar with the Internet and also provide better interaction between the instructors and students. The seminars will be held in March.

According to Giampaoli's his presentation, "60% of adults today are degree seekers... and the adults are the targeted market." The teenage undergraduate students would rather "socialize and be on campus." Giampaoli went on to say that there are 14 million students in higher institutions and only 3 million of them are below the age of 22. **S**

UB Student Receives Recognition

by Monalisa Basu

Hemantha Wijesooriya, a junior Mechanical Engineering major was awarded \$500 for his paper as part of the American Railway Engineering Association's (AREA) Student Interest Award Program.

Wijesooriya's paper, which dealt with railway engineering problems was one of the top 10 papers selected to receive the award. A total of \$4000 was distributed among the 10 winning papers. In addition, Wijesooriya has also been enrolled as a student member of AREA for 1997 which includes a subscription to all technical bulletins as well as to the monthly Railway Track and Structures Magazine. Wijesooriya's project was under the supervision of his academic advisor, Prof. Schile.

The award letter from AREA said, "[the award] demonstrates to our members the high quality of work being done at our colleges and universities." According to Wijesooriya, it was an unbelievable accomplishment. "I was so happy, I couldn't believe it," he said. In the words of Prof. Grodzinsky, the Chairman of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, "he should certainly be commended for placing the Mechanical Engineering Department of the School of Science, Engineering and Technology and the University in such a good light."

Last year, AREA announced the availability of a student award program for students interested in railway engineering and railway related careers. Following the establishment of the program, the AREA sent letters to accredited universities with a list of eligibility requirements. AREA is an organization for the advancement of knowledge pertaining to the scientific and economic location, construction, operation and maintenance of railways. The membership of AREA is primarily composed of railway engineers, engineering professors, consulting engineers, construction contractors, and officers or engineers of various organizations. **S**

Elementary School Kids Fascinated by UB

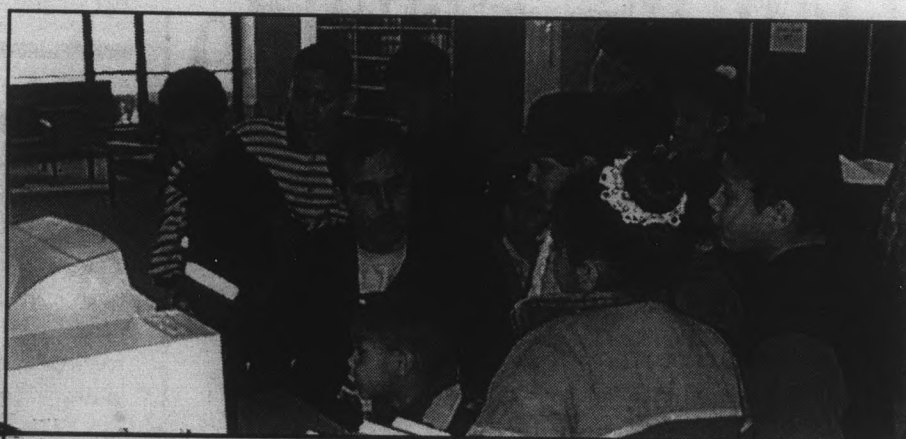
"We want to come back," said the little guests at the end of the visit

by Nickolai Kravlev

Fifteen children between 8 and 11 years of age took their first steps on to university grounds on February 26. They came to UB for a visit organized by the Church of God in Bridgeport. The kids had a tour around the campus, and attended a computer class.

"We wanted to show the kids a university in spite of their young age, in order to motivate them on time. Their parents' incomes are below average, and there will be no way for them to pay for college. We try to explain to the children that they have to study very hard to get grants and scholarships," said David DeJesus, Jr., teacher of the Church of God's Bible School and UB student.

The computers were one of the things that fascinated the little guests. They followed with great interest the instructions on how to



David DeJesus shows the kids how to do research in the library

do research in the library. They found the sports opportunities on campus very attractive and liked the environment.

Student Congress President Franck Ajisege spoke to the kids about the importance of education and religion in today's world.

The children gave the impression of being grown-ups, and asked quite mature questions for their age. "We want to come back," they said at the

end of the visit.

The parents of the kids are members of the Church of God - a Pentecostal Protestant church founded in 1908. The church in Bridgeport was established in 1988 by Reverend David DeJesus, who came here from Massachusetts. His son, David DeJesus, Jr., is a junior at UB, majoring in Human Services.

News

CARP Rally Challenges Notion of Free Sex

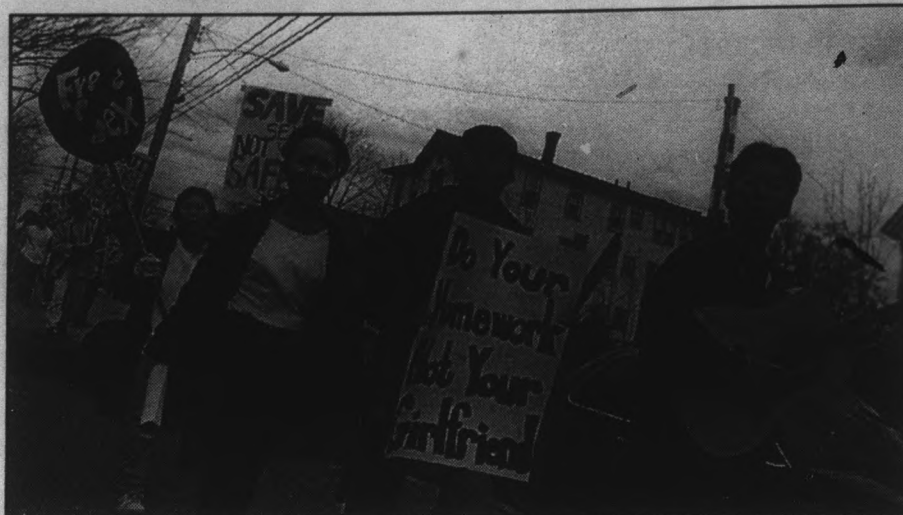
by Johanna J. Hose

About 25 members of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) held a rally to promote sexual purity and protest free sex and pornography.

The group marched from Carstensen Hall to downtown Bridgeport carrying picket signs and yelling, "True Love Waits," "Save Sex, Not Safer Sex," and other slogans. They were stopped by the police in downtown Bridgeport for not having a permit to demonstrate, but were then allowed to continue because "the officer liked what we were doing," said senior Justin Harding, President of CARP at UB. "[The officer] just warned us to stay out of the street and to keep moving so no one would get hurt," Harding said.

The pro-abstinence activists halted in front of the Court House and recited in unison the Pure Love Pledge. "I was surprised by the enthusiasm of the students in the rally," Harding said. "American society is so proud of being a sexually liberated. This rally challenges the notion of free sex and presents a new paradigm: 'Absolute Sex' (purity before marriage and fidelity in marriage)," Harding said.

Inspired by the Pure Love Alliance (PLA), this rally was one of many held on campuses throughout the US since its founding in 1995. The PLA is a non-sectarian, nonpartisan coalition of organizations and individuals of faith and conscience united around a common objective: to uphold the values of unselfish love, purity, and fidelity. S



The Pure Love Pledge

The pure relationship of love between a man and a woman is a gift from God to be cherished and honored, for the sake of building a true family, a healthy society, and a world of peace for future generations. Once that love is consummated, it should never be broken.

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To respect and honor the ideal of purity in myself and others.

To learn how to practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse, and parent.

To dedicate myself to absolute fidelity within marriage, and

To encourage others to do the same.

Library Offers Internet Access

by Nicholas King

Two new computers in the library offer access to the Internet for students, faculty and staff. Everyone can log into the Net using his or her e-mail ID and password.

Two main databases can be accessed through the library's home page: First Search and National Trade Data Bank. The data covers fields like Arts, Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Business, Health, Technology and News. The information can be printed out.

"We are subscribed to the North American Internet, which connects us to the Net any time without any problems," says Susan Feng, head of Public Services of the library.

To use one of the computers, a reservation has to be made at the reference desk. The search period is restricted to one hour. No e-mail can be used at the Internet terminals. S

South End Public Safety Committee

by Aurora Lee

The importance of the involvement of the University administration as well as students in the issue of safety in the campus neighborhood was discussed at the regular meeting of the South End Public Safety Committee held at the Student Center on Wednesday, February 26.

The South End Public Safety Committee (SEPSC) was initiated by James Garland, Director of Administration, who felt an urgent necessity to improve the safety situation in the neighborhood around the University. It held its first meeting in September of 1996. The purpose of the Committee is to force the city to be more responsive to concerns of residents, students, and workers on the issue of public safety.

Currently the Committee is working

on organizing a Block Watch program in the vicinity of campus. The essence of this program is to get residents to take responsibility for safety on their block. A Block Watch replicates old style neighborhoods and creates a vehicle for residents to identify their common concerns about public safety, and to realize that they have to look out for each other.

Jim Mooney, Director of Campus Security, created a Crime Prevention and Safety Manual which explains how to act in dangerous situations and what to do on a daily basis to prevent these situations from happening. He also started publishing bi-weekly reports on crime levels in the South End.

As far as the University is concerned, safety in the South End directly affects the safety situation on campus.

The University is a large part of the

South End, and SEPSC would like to see more students involved in the Committee. The Committee is very appreciative of the UB Marshalls and CARP, student clubs who helped with the cleaning of the South End.

At the meeting, SEPSC provided information on suspect identification, how to report suspicious activities, and bi-weekly reports of South End police activity. Future meetings will address topics such as home security, community policing, and South End beautification. Also, a newsletter, published by Jim Mooney, will be sent out to members of the Committee every two weeks.

The SEPSC hopes that as more people get involved they will have stronger control over the safety situation in the neighborhood and gain more political power to get the city to invest in the South End. They hope to bring the safety of the South End back to the level it used to be at 20 years ago. S

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Financial Aid Applications
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All students planning to apply for financial aid for the next academic year have to complete and submit the necessary forms by April 15. UB's Financial Aid Office received the federal Financial Aid Renewal Application in early February from the Department of Education.

"The students who don't have a form can pick it up from our office," Dominic Yoia, director of financial aid, wrote in a letter to The Scribe.

The UB Financial Aid Application Forms can also be obtained in the office on the 6th floor of the library.

Although the official deadline is April 15, four weeks should be allowed for the federal applications to be processed by the government.

Late applications are accepted, but availability of funds is not guaranteed. Last year, late applicants had more loans in their packages than expected, because most of the grants had already been allocated for other students. S

Educational Talent Search Program

UB Participates in Helping Out Bridgeport Area Students

by Naing Lynn

In an effort to involve itself in the local community, UB sponsors the Educational Talent Search Program to help out the local middle school and high school students with their educational goals.

According to Dr. Suzanne Wilcox, dean of admissions and financial aid, UB decided to sponsor the program in order to help disadvantaged students from dropping out of secondary school and to help them continue with high school and college.

Currently, the program helps 905 students from 16 public schools in the Bridgeport area, three of which are high schools. The remaining 13 are middle and elementary schools. It takes in students from 6th grade to 12th grade and recruits about 150 to 200 students each year.

To join the program, a student has to come from a low income family or

be a first generation college bound student. Two thirds of the students in the program meet both requirements, and the remaining one third qualify for either one of the above. The program also accepts students with disabilities regardless of the above two requirements.

In addition to these requirements, the student should have high potential and must be serious about going to college.

The Talent Search Program provides many services to its students. For middle school students, emphasis is put on career and personal development, motivation, study skills, self

awareness, and getting into high schools.

In order to keep students from dropping out, the program becomes more intense on the high school level. The Program helps students with college planning, financial aid applications, and helps them find scholarships. SAT preparation, intense tutoring, and personal counseling are also available to every student.

The Program also arranges one-on-one career days where each student can spend a day with a person related to the career he or she is interested in. There are other organized events that include college trips, and seminars for

the personal development of the students.

The Talent Search program has a good success rate of getting its students into universities and colleges. Out of all the students in the program that graduated from high school, about 85% are accepted into different colleges and universities.

However, due to the sudden change in the environment, most of the unprepared students drop out of colleges within the first year. Some of them continue their studies at two year colleges.

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Opportunities

Computer Program Helps Students Search for Jobs

by Nickolai Kralev

A computer program, called Decisive Quest, offers assistance to college students searching for full-time and part-time jobs and internship opportunities. The program plays the role of a mediator between students and companies around the country. There is no charge for using Decisive Quest.

The program, which can be accessed through the Internet, produces resumes for the student-users by asking questions about their major, GPA, work experience, etc. Participants can also specify the kind of employment they are seeking, the type and size of company they wish to work for, and whether they are looking for jobs locally, statewide or nationwide. Students can also write up to 20 lines to add anything about themselves that is not mentioned in the questionnaire.

Companies, meanwhile, use the program to define the kind of jobs they offer. When employees of Decisive Quest find that a particular student suits a company's needs, they will send the student's resume with his or her permission.

To use the program, students have to download it onto a disk using a personal computer that operates in a Windows environment and has an Internet

connection.

The program is self-explanatory and easy to use, said students from the University of Texas at Arlington who helped create Decisive Quest.

The service is financed by companies that actually hire students through it. "We just sent software to 1270 companies and the response has been phenomenal," said Richard Donnelly, president of Decisive Quest. "Small and medium-sized companies often cannot go to col-

leges to recruit students on their budgets," Donnelly said.

The students, however, cannot specify the place they want to work, unless it is in the area where they live. They cannot choose when they would like to start working, either. "These are some limitations, which we are trying to overcome," said Donnelly.

Decisive Quest's home page on the Internet is at: <http://www.onramp.net/~dqi>.

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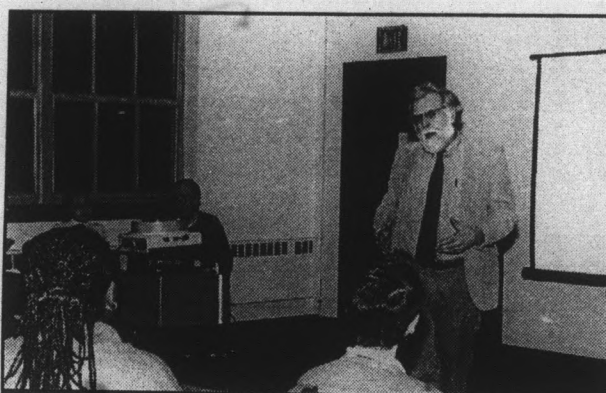
SCUBA Hosts Amistad Presentation

by Kyle Reeves

In conjunction with UB's Black Students Alliance, SCUBA brought several gentlemen from New Haven's Amistad Committee, Inc., to speak.

Currently, a motion picture produced by Steven Spielberg is shooting along the Connecticut coast depicting the events surrounding the Amistad, a 19th century cargo and slave ship.

A major part of civil rights history, the incident centered in New Haven. In 1839, 50 kidnapped Africans



New Haven Amistad Committee Representative

ship, forcing their captors to set sail toward the rising sun, to Africa and home. By night, however, the Spaniards sailed north, eventually landing in Long Island Sound after two months at sea.

Held by the U.S. government, the Amistad prisoners' case reached the Supreme Court, where former president John Quincy Adams came out of retirement to plead for their freedom. In the end, they won their case and returned home to establish a mission and school.

Summer Intern Program Offers \$2,500

Candidates must be at least sophomores and apply by April 1

by Nikola Dimitrov

A new opportunity for UB students to earn money and acquire work experience this summer, are 10-week internships with Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust. Students are expected to begin work on June 2 and finish on August 18. For this period they will receive \$2,500, which will be distributed on a weekly basis.

Students will form several groups and will work on different projects. They will help to organize community gardens, plan summer events and festivals, and will work with contractors to develop housing for veterans. Students will also be interacting with the residents in order to learn precisely what issues they are concerned with.

Any undergraduate student who will have completed two years of study by June 2 is eligible to apply by April 1.

The internship program will involve students from the University of Bridgeport, Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University.

"We are looking for students who are motivated to learn about community development," said Doug Schenckelberg, technical support provider at the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust. "Organizational skills are needed, but above all students must be able to show sincerity, openness and sensitivity toward people with different backgrounds," he said.

Schenckelberg, who has worked

on community development projects with UB students in the past, is very attracted by the prospect of having UB interns again, because he was very impressed by their dedication, conscientious service and desire to help.

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust performs a wide range of activities, the most important of which are providing affordable housing, and helping in stabilizing and rebuilding neighborhoods.

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Linda Lambeck: "My Stories About UB are not Negative — I Report the Truth"

by Nickolai Kralev

When two weeks ago the *Connecticut Post* published a front-page story about UB's distance learning program, many people on campus said it was the first positive article about the University in a long time. The relationship between UB and the *Connecticut Post* has become better and better, commented a student in a class.

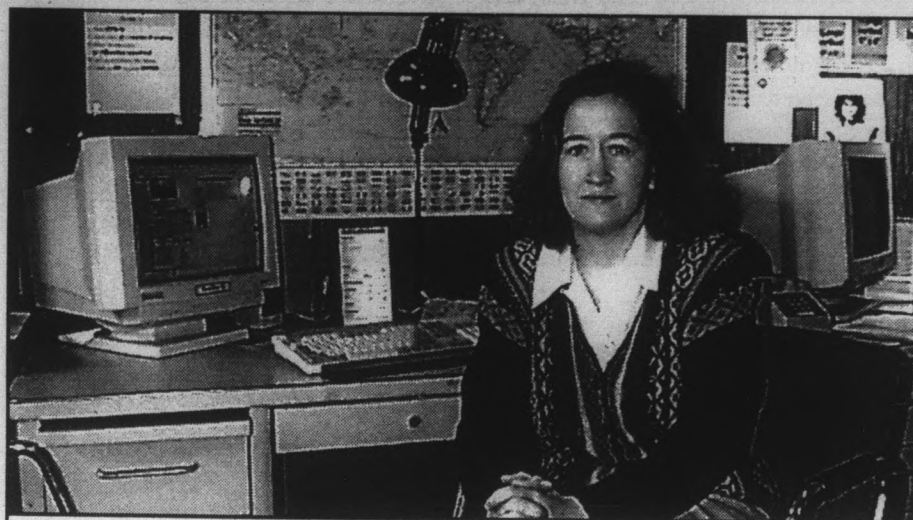
The author of the distance-learning story, Linda Lambeck, is the education editor of the *Connecticut Post* and has covered stories on UB for the last several years. She started her reporting here — at the campus newspaper of the University of Bridgeport.

UB was the only college Lambeck applied to in 1974. "I chose UB because it had a good journalism department and was close to home," she said. "There were about 8,000 students here and every single building was used to capacity," she recalled.

Linda started writing for *The Scribe* right after she entered the University. The newspaper came out twice a week at that time, and had a staff of two dozen. But there were no computers back then — typewriters were the reporters' best friends. There was even a special orientation week for the new writers of *The Scribe* — they came to UB seven days before the other students.

Lambeck's B.A. degree from UB has secured her in journalism for almost 20 years. After graduation, she was hired by the *Fairfield Citizen News*, where she stayed for seven years. Then she moved on to the *Bridgeport Post*, which became the *Connecticut Post* in 1992. Her first assignment was as a town reporter for Milford. Later, she became the education editor.

UB graduate Linda Lambeck started covering her own University, but her stories did not fascinate many people at UB. The coverage of the University by the *Connecticut Post* was regarded as negative.



Linda Lambeck sitting back in the Scribe office after 20 years

"My stories are not negative — I report the truth," said Lambeck. "There are some problems at UB, and I cannot hide them. For example, there is no spokesperson, which makes my job much more difficult."

Lambeck covers practically all high schools and colleges in the area and drives to different towns every day.

She lives in Stratford with her husband and three children. The oldest is going to college in the fall. Not to UB, though. The university does not offer his prospective major — sports management.

Linda met her husband at UB. "I started very good adult friendships here," she said.

Noted Poet Gives Reading at UB

For the first time in over 10 years, Dick Allen, one of America's leading poets, will give a reading from his poetry at UB. The reading will be the first in the nation from Allen's major new book, *Ode to the Cold War: Poems New and Selected*, to be published by Sarabande Books in March. The book is a collection of Allen's poetry written over the last 30 years.

Allen's reading, sponsored by UB's SCUBA organization, will take place shortly after Spring Vacation, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27, in the

Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. It is open to all students, faculty, staff and to the general public without charge.

Ode to the Cold War: Poems New and Selected collects the best of Allen's poetry from his four previous books. The new poems, added to carefully selected poems, offer what would be virtually an entire new book if published separately. At the reading, copies will be available for purchase and autographing. Hardcover and paperback copies of the book will also be available soon in the UB Bookstore.

SNET - an Unsolved Mystery?

by Johanne M. Torres

Ed Walton, respondent for SNET at UB, spoke recently about the phone service issue on campus. Plans have been submitted to SNET by Student Congress and the director of residential life concerning telephone service arrangements for the next year, which include an open forum with SNET representatives for students.

Walton has been working for the last couple of years as a mediator for students who deal with SNET. Problems like late billing, which happened with many students this year, is one of the issues that he addressed in a meeting with the president of Student Congress and the director of Residential Life at the beginning of the school year.

One of the possible solutions presented to SNET was a Media Access

program that will let students use their lines for local calls only, without signing up for an outside line.

Another idea is for students to have individual pin number to make their calls and get separate billing statements for each person in the room. "Other schools have this program and it gets rid of the 'roommate who doesn't pay the bill' problem, but this system has its drawbacks too," said Walton. These ideas are now in the process of being revised and approved by both parties, UB and SNET.

Walton is now trying to get one representative of SNET to come to the University for an interview. He is also trying to set up an open forum with the representative and the students that are having difficulties with the phone service. Many students have been waiting for the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns.

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Editorials

Cutting Costs at The Book Store

by Shai Bar-Nefy

Do the new books answer the courses' needs better than the old ones? Not necessarily. Many times it is the publishers who push the new books to keep their profits high, and leave the professors no choices. Wouldn't it be great to have a used book fair at the beginning of each semester?

"A smart student today will spend



Students spend approximately \$150 per semester on books at UB Bookstore

approximately \$150 per semester on books, while others will spend an average of \$300," says Frank Atonacio of UB Bookstore. Chiropractic majors can end up paying a few times more, though they will use the books later on in their career. A few years ago the most expensive books were around \$60, today they are over \$100! Even publishers that were

interviewed admitted that the rise in the price of books is beyond inflation. The truth is that publishing is a risky business, so when books come out, the publishers must charge students more than the real value to secure themselves for the future.

UB store Manager, Mrs. Jackie Kalako, said that she does the best she can to keep the prices down. They don't make much of a living from selling new books but actually make more from selling

old books and other goods. Yes, you heard right. Selling old books is more profitable than selling new ones. When they buy books from students, they pay half of the original price and then add 25% for their own profit. Since they have no shipping costs, they get the whole 25%. That's

OK- one should make a living. Most of the old books on the shelves, however, were bought from wholesales. These smart fellows buy used books from students and sell them to book stores. For example, take one of our own English books by Rosenberg. Wholesalers buy it from students for \$1.50 and sell it to the UB store for \$13.50. Eventually the con-

sumer gets to buy it for \$21. That's a 1400% increase!

It would be wrong to say that changing books is an irrational habit of professors, but sometimes there is no real need for a change. Take for example the Math book, Probability and Statistics. The new edition price is \$92.00, an arm and a leg for most students. Comparing the two books I found two major differences.

For one, the cover was different. Secondly, the question numbers had been changed. Even though I am not an expert in the field, I don't think Math has changed much recently, and the course could go on with the old edition. Professors are not to be blamed. If there are no old editions available, they must switch to the new ones. If they had

known that old editions were out there, however, I'll bet they would have stayed with the former edition.

There are, of course, fields where things are constantly changing. Professor Gonshin Liu from the Computer Engineering Department, said that technology and methods change rapidly and that students must work with updated books. The price is not the important factor. Professors have to make pure academic decisions when they search for books, and, if by chance the price is a good price, that is a privilege.

The picture is clear. Some books have to go and some can stay. I am not urging anyone to work with bad books,

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Fasting Over Spring Break?

by Johanna J. Hose

"What are we going to eat during Spring Break?" is a question a number of students on campus are asking. As Marina will be closed during Spring Break, and not all students are lucky enough to have a home they can go to nearby, alternative means of survival must be found.


You can always go to your local grease joints, Conty's and Famous Pizza up the road, and T Maria in the Student Center. For students who are more health conscious, a trip by bus up to Stop & Shop to pick up a weeks supply of lettuce, tomatoes, bread and cheese might be the answer. Though there are only so many cheese sandwiches a person can eat....

A good old fashioned colon-cleansing fast might be a better alternative. Not only does it cut down on your food expenses but fasting also frees up time you would normally waste preparing and eating food. Fasting is the most economical alternative and offers numerous health benefits as

well.

Fasting gives your body a rest from the tedious job of digesting everything that you stuff down your throat. It gives your body a chance to burn excess weight you've been lugging around for the past ten years. Fasting is also an opportunity to eliminate toxins (from preservatives in food, etc.) that are stored up in your body which over time can make you sick.

The first day or two of your fast, you will feel perhaps a little dizzy or light headed. This is because the toxins stored in your body are being released into your bloodstream in order to be eliminated. So, drink at least a gallon of purified or distilled water a day to flush out your system. You can fast anywhere from three to seven days, or even more.

Break your fast with some healthy vegetable soup, and don't stuff yourself with junk-food, or sugar, or lots of meat. Hopefully this survival method will get you through your spring break and you will come back famished enough to enjoy the food at Marina. Bon Appetit. 

Student Poll

Question:

Why or why not should marijuana be legalized



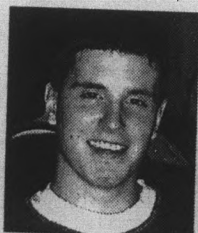
It should be legalized because we spend a great amount of time and effort trying to stop the import and use of marijuana while very dangerous substances like alcohol are consumed in great quantities at serious cost to lives and livelihoods.

Clifton Roberson



It is a good drug. For example, snake weed helps arthritis, another kind helps cancer. But there should be limitations to it where only the doctors can prescribe it.

Courtney Young



It should be legalized. So many people are taking it illegally and I suppose it is not anymore addictive than cigarettes. If it can serve in several medical purposes, it can't be that harmful. But there should be an age limit to it, probably 21, like the alcohol age.

Ivan Barbalic



I think it should be legalized because of its medical value. If the government legalized it, it would put more people to work and get harder drugs off streets and decrease the number of people in jail for minor offenses.

Tracy Holle



I think it should be legalized. People with chronic illnesses should be prescribed marijuana to help them. Doctors should have the right to prescribe it

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Superiority of Women Disputed in Heated Debate

"What Men Can Do, Women Can Do Better!" was the first public debate in UB's recent history

by Daniel Chin

"Be a typist... and shut up," was the retort Student Congress President Franck Ajisege gave to a female opponent. On Tuesday, February 25, there was much to shout about in Tech. 116. The Marketing Club held a debate entitled, "What Men Can Do, Women Can Do Better." This was no time to mince words for the participants. Everything from the Bible to biology was used to argue the topic.

The simple format of the debate consisted of two teams of four people which comprised the debaters. The affirmative team was all women, and the negative team was all men. Prof. George Blake acted as moderator, and his first words were, "Please accept my apology for not doing as well as a woman can do."

For the women's group, there were, Doris Asiedu-Sarkodid, Jenna Steinly, Dean Suzanne Wilcox, and Prof. Joy Karcher. For the men, Prof. Hans van der Giessen, Prof. Stephen Perle, Student Congress President Franck Ajisege, and Freshman Class President Ashok Regmi.

The chief coordinators for the Marketing Club were, Melissa Glenn, Giedre



Above (The Winners): Ashok Regmi, Prof. Hans van der Giessen, Prof. Stephen Perle, Franck Ajisege

Left: Joy Karcher, Dean Wilcox, Doris Asiedu - Sarkodid, Jenna Steinly

Minkaushaite, and Monalisa Basu. It should be noted that all three are women. When asked if they held the debate for any particular reason, the

response was, "We did it because it's a controversial issue," said Glenn.

"We wanted people to be aware of the Marketing Club. It was originally

focused on men and women in business, but we decided to make it a broader focus." Basu also added, "It was great that we had such a great turn out. Also, this type of event was never done before, and we thought it was a great idea to make it our first event."

There were more than 60 people in attendance, evidence that many people were interested in the issue. "We were very pleased to see how much time and effort the debaters put into researching the topic," added Basu.

Proving the point, Regmi claimed, "No way can women be good in science, and other things." Ajisege, "Men developed atomic energy, electricity, athletes like Pele and Jordan, all men." Prof. Karcher responded, "Women can do things better than men....They are better at life in general, the phrase 'working mother' is redundant."

The voice of reason came from the male professors, Prof. Perle, and Prof. van der Giessen. Prof. Perle noted that, "The topic is an illogical proposition, because it's a generalization." Prof. van der Giessen added, "I know the topic was dreamt up by women...the case

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Editorial Editorial

Superiority of Wo(Men)

by Surovi Abeyratne

A debate entitled "What Men Can Do Women Can Do Better" was organized by the Marketing Club on Tuesday, March 12. Although the topic was describes as "pathetic and illogical" by Dr. Perle, one of the debaters, I found it to be suitably controversial as members of both sides seemed intent on getting their arguments across, urged on by a responsive and enthusiastic audience.

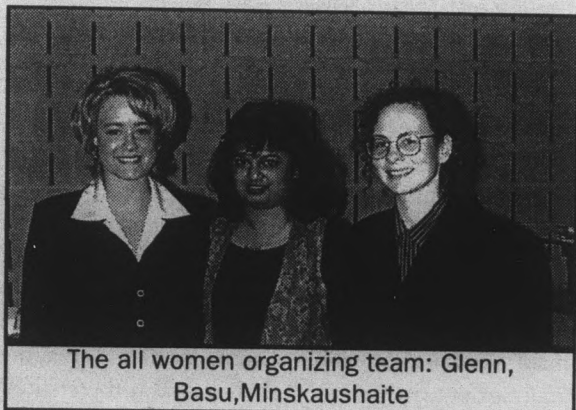
The depth and content of the arguments, used by the participants in the debate,

for the most part seemed impressive, until the rebuttal during which the content of the statements deteriorated rapidly.

Among those who argued logically and reasonably were Jenna Steinly and Dean Suzanne Wilcox. Steinly who led the affirmative position began by using biology and statistics to prove her argument. She claimed that, "Females have a higher survival rate than men and a life span of at least six-seven years longer." She also stated that since

women have a better social support network they are likely to cope with stress better than men do.

Dean Wilcox outlined her argument in clear and precise terms. She began by stating that in her opinion, life is characterized by 3 primary functions namely self definition, relationships, and generating new life. Women, according to Dean Wilcox, outclass men in all three of these functions.



The all women organizing team: Glenn, Basu, Minskaushaite

"superiority and success is not defined in terms of gender but in terms of the individual," and Dr. van der Giessen said that he believed in the equality of the sexes rather than the superiority of one.

The delivery and clarity of the arguments were satisfactory. Franck Ajisege deserves special mention as he spoke clearly and concisely and related

Two debaters, Dr. Perle and Dr. van der Giessen, took a surprisingly neutral stance. Dr. Perl claimed that,

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Campus Life

Renowned Artist Shares Life Experience With Students



Noah Jemisin with Prof. Juliusburger & Prof. Thomas

by Kyle Reeves

Renowned artist Noah Jemisin visited UB students last Thursday, the 27th. In part to commemorate Black History Month, SCUBA sponsored the event as art students followed up his lecture earlier in the day with an hour-long presentation.

Mr. Jemisin showed slides from his 1992 visit to West Africa, a major influence on his subsequent work. A former high school and college art teacher, as well as New York cab driver, the artist had much to say about art, his art in particular, and its place in the world.

"Every artist is trying to save the world," said Jemisin, whose abstract paintings, known for their striking lines and vivid images, at least record it memorably.

On the responsibility of artists and creative people, in general, Jemisin comment-

ed, "Thoughts make things. As people, we've got to watch our thoughts, so that what we create is of a positive nature. From out of nothing comes everything, including us."

When asked about his influences, Jemisin made note of such artists as Wassily Kandinsky, Pablo Picasso, and Henri Matisse. However, from his time as a high school teacher, he recalls the sculpture of a Greek girl, whose use of a line helped him gain a greater degree of insight to his own art. "Children," he said, "influenced me more than anybody." UB's art students, though, may well count Noah Jemisin among their influences.

BSA Celebrates End of Black History month

by Sharon Loh

UB's Black Student Alliance ended their celebration of Black History month with a bash on Friday, February 27 with Rap and Reggae music played by DJ Saconie from White Plains, NY.

The party that was supposed to start at 9p.m., but started to get a better

response later that night. "By 10:30p.m. there were at least 43 people that showed up," commented Louis Ray. There were many non-students that showed up for the event. Like almost every other party on campus, it was a BYOB party.

Keeping the Dream Alive, the theme of the party was to address the end of Black History Month. The party was organized by Louis Ray, president of the BSA, and Nanyamka Johnson, vice president. It ended at the 1a.m. finishing time.

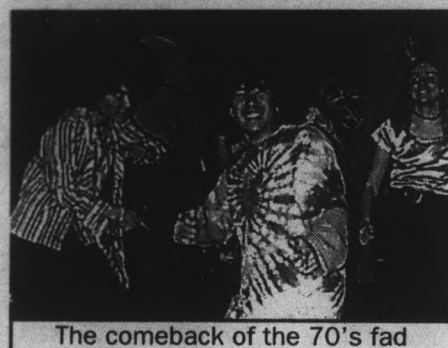
Polyester Fever Made it at 70s Party

by Johanne M. Torres

Bell bottoms, afro wigs and polyester clothes ruled Thursday night at the second 70s party in the Student Center. There were about 250 students in the coffee house room that night moving to the 70's beat.

The 70s Party Part 2, was organized by the Student Congress and was a "big success in every aspect," according to the president, Franck Ajisegebe. "Everything was organized with enough time in advance, people seemed to enjoy the night, it went great," said Franck. "The only thing that sucked was that the amps kept burning out," said one student who wished to remain anonymous.

The comfy room of the Student Center became a 70's disco with a dance



The comeback of the 70's fad

floor on one side, and a chat-room with snacks for those who just wanted to hang out on the other.

The music varied from late 60's to early 90's. "I had fun, specially because it was something different to do, and different music to listen to" said Denise Montereio, a student that partied that night.

Some students spent weeks searching for their clothes in various places like



Jammin' Away

The Salvation Army and other thrift stores around Fairfield. Others just bought replicas thanks to the comeback of the 70's fashion. Many others went just to make a fashion statement.

The 70's Party

Part 2 was a success according to attendance and many students are looking forward for a part 3 next semester.

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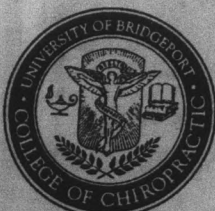
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Express Yourself on WUBN

by Dalia Hernandez

On Thursday 20, WUBN 91.7 FM had an interest meeting for all UB students. It was held in the Student Center at 8:00 p.m. in room 201, and was organized by club president Frank Derico and vice-president Snezana Mihailovic.

WUBN 91.7 FM started in the spring of 1995. Students got together and founded this station with the ambition to get a large number of the students involved in the project.

One of the main obstacles the club faced before actually going on the air was the lack of a CD library and other equipment. Students are facing a lot of trouble getting their programs on the air. They first have to pre-record the show and then replay it. This has discouraged many students from doing a show. Students say they want to experience the excitement and thrill of being actually producing a live show. The transmitter that WUBN has used in the past only covers Bodine Hall. It does not reach the entire student body.

Franck Derico is the new president

of WUBN 91.7 FM. He says that his main objective is to "Get on the air [and] be consistent, but mainly to give students a chance to have a voice." He wants to encourage all students to join the club to make a difference, to improve the quality of the shows and to make the radio station the best it can be.

The club is working on getting a license to transmit on campus. A transmitter powerful enough to carry the signal on campus has already been purchased, but the club still needs a technician to install it. Once the new transmitter is installed the station will be able to transmit all over campus. WPKN 89.5 FM is helping WUBN 91.7 FM with technical support and by sharing some of their CD library.

WUBN 91.7 FM is a promising student club that can give students a chance to express how they feel about different issues. It is an opportunity for students to share the kind of music they enjoy, talk about issues they are concerned with, and make it basically anything they want. For more information, call Frank Derico at (203) 576-2123.

Music Reviews

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by Bob Jacobs

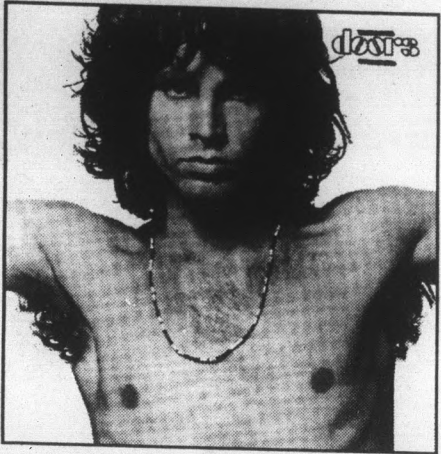
The Band: *Dogma*
The Disc: *Feeding the Future*

I've always had a heavier ear when it comes to reviewing discs, but I never really pick any new bands, and this is the reason why. Dogma's debut Mercury release "Feeding the Future" does nothing for me.

Lead vocalist Phil Allocco sounds weak against all the dirty guitars, and although the band is tight, the lyrical content fluctuates from great to real poor. The band has no real consistent style, or maybe I just don't get it.

The best thing I can say about this band, is at least they don't rip off Nirvana. I don't even like the art work that comes with the disc. It reminds me of cheap 80's thrash band artwork, kind of like something you would find on one of the first low budget Anthrax releases.

Well enough of my bickering, if your real wealthy and want to waste about fifteen bucks go buy the Dogma disc, or maybe you just want a miniature Frisbee for those warm summer days ahead. Metal is going to make a big return, but Dogma isn't going to resurrect it.



*Jim Morrison Resurrected for April
26th show at UB*

For the last few months Edina Oestricher and I have been pushing for a real **SPRING WEEKEND** at UB. We're talking Concert, Carnival and maybe even a Barbecue.

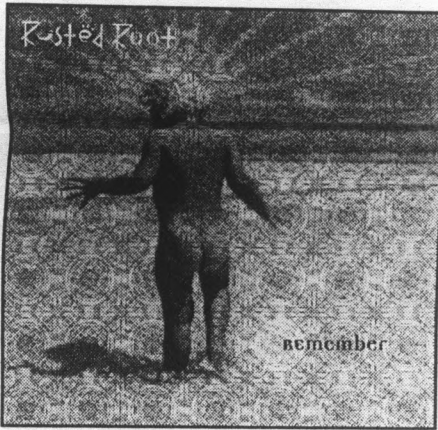
When I surveyed the idea, at the last Valentine's Dance, the response was excellent. Students seemed very interested in bringing a National touring band back to UB, along with a Carnival. Students were even more excited when I told them that I wanted to get the ulti-

mate DOORS tribute band, RIDERS ON THE STORM. So what's the catch? Well, I promised Student Congress that I would sell 200 tickets to the DOORS show by March 31st or the concert would be canned.

As for the Carnival, Edina is still pushing hard for the funds. For those of you who don't know who **RIDERS ON THE STORM** are, they're a band that reincarnates the music and the look of the 60's and 70's rock band "THE DOORS."

I have seen the show many times, and I can truthfully say it's a trip back in time. Tickets will go on sale probably March 4th for a low price of \$5.00 dollars in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

I've also put my band MATT'S ALTAR as an opening act and the New Haven band JOE. So those of you who are always whining that there's nothing to do on this campus, put your money where your mouth is. For information you can call me, Bob Jacobs at 576-2250 or Edina at 576-4487. Seniors, this is your chance for one last big hoorah!!!



THE BAND: *Rusted Root*
THE DISC: *Remember*

Listening to Rusty Root's new disc "Remember" is a definite uplifting experience. The only experience I can compare it to, is listening to a Grateful Dead disc. I didn't realize how deep into religion this band treads. I can also hear

Concert Season Starts with Opera

by Johanna J. Hose

On Tuesday, February 25, UB adjunct instructor in voice Chai-lun Yueh, lyric Baritone, held a recital in the Littlefield Theatre in the Arnold Bernhard Center. Professor David Korevaar was his accompanist.

"It's a great way to start the concert season," said senior Frank Derico. Professor Ted Piltzecker said he was, "very proud to have very talented full and part-time faculty," at UB, and added that, "because of [UB's location in] the New York area, UB is able to attract talented artists."

Yueh sang 8 songs, including two Chinese opera pieces. One of the songs, Man Jiang Hong, is a popular tune in mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. The words of the song are from a thousand-year-old poem by Fei Yueh. UB student, Shai Bar-Nefy commented that he especially liked the "interesting pieces from China."

The program that evening also consisted of pieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Richard Wagner and Ambroise Thomas. This was the first of a series of concerts which will be held this semester.



Instructor Chai-lun Yueh with
accompanist Prof. David Korevaar

Chai-lun Yueh was born and raised in China, and has performed leading roles with opera companies such as the Central Opera Theater of China, Ash Lawn-Highland Opera Festival, Austin Lyric Opera, Connecticut Opera and several others. He is the first-prize winner in Connecticut and a regional winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, top winner of the Young Artist Vocal Competition in Chautauqua, and a finalist for the Queens Opera International Vocal Competition.

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According to Ms. Marjorie Bernard, the director of the UB Talent Search Program, the high drop out rate "is due to [the] lack of personal assistance in most public universities to students who are used to and are in need of such assistance."

She said that the assistance programs that are similar to the Educational Talent Search Program, such as Student Support Services, Equal Opportunity Center, and Mc. Nair Program, are common only in two year colleges and therefore most students end up attending them instead of the four year colleges and universities.

Bernard also said that the program is understaffed, especially student tutors for Math and Science. Currently, there are only eight people - herself, an office secretary, three coordinators, and three student tutors - trying to cover the needs of all 905 students in 16 schools. Dimas Coutl, one of the coordinators, said that it is very demanding and challenging "to try and meet all the needs of the students." And, "motivating and letting students see the outcome of education are the [two] most difficult tasks of the job," said Michele Stevenson, another coordinator at the office.

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The ETS Team

Department of Education, and UB contributes \$4,000 per year and the office building for the program. UB receives 8% of the total grant money for indirect costs from the US Department of Education, for sponsoring the program.

The program was sponsored by UB in 1991 and it was the first program of this kind established in Connecticut.

Bernard said that although the original grant written by Dean Wilcox was great, there was no support from the local high schools in the beginning and there was no consistency in the services provided by the program. She then pointed out that "[the program] now has support from all the schools and superintendents that we work with and we even [have a] good relationship with other community organizations."

Dean Wilcox also mentioned that, "we are very proud," of helping promote the future of the local community by sponsoring such a very important program.

From Debate, page 7

should be made for equality, rather than superiority."

After all the speeches and rebuttals, the debaters exited the room, while the audience voted on who they thought had won the debate. Prof. Blake said it best

when he announced, "In an incredibly close and heated vote, the men's team won." Though at times the participants were very heated, they ended on good terms, and UB's first debate forum ended in success.

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well to the audience. His extreme chauvinistic arguments and remarks were very amusing. Doris Asiedu-Sarkodid also spoke well but at times her arguments lacked depth and her approach lacked focus.

Prof. Joy Karcher and Ashok Regmi were obviously emotionally involved. Karcher used her background in college as the basis of her argument. Regmi, who began by speaking of the dual responsibilities of women and their inferior capacity for work, threw himself

whole-heartedly into his speech.

The professional facade of most of the members deteriorated rapidly toward the end of the debate. Dean Wilcox corrected Regmi's misnomer of "the New York Fire police department." And Franck claimed that, "all a woman should do is be a typist or a secretary and shut up."

The audience soon joined the debaters and stated arguments of their own. The Marketing Club is to be congratulated for organizing the event. Hopefully we will see more events of this kind.

From Bookstore, page 6

but let us circulate among ourselves the ones that can properly do the job. There are two easy solutions. The first is to ask professors to submit book names to the UB store on time. The UB store cannot buy the old books from us if the lists of names for next semester books are not submitted on time. This forces them to buy new books that cost more. Lists usually end up in the UB store at least a month late. As a result, students are

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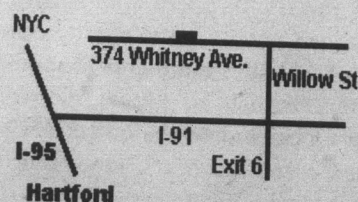
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To the Editorial Board of the Scribe

In her letter to the editor entitled "Students Have First Freeze of Semester" Johanne M. Torres implied that Residential Life planned the fire drill at 2:16 a.m. on the morning of February 7, 1997. She also stated that some plan should be formulated to accommodate students in such cases so they're not standing out in the cold. Let me address both these concerns.

First of all, I live in Bodine Hall with my eight month old baby girl, wife, and 332 other students. It is silly to believe that my staff or I, would intentionally plan a fire drill at that hour or under those circumstances. The last thing I want to do is inconvenience so many people under such circumstances, including my eight month old daughter and wife. Fire drills are planned once a semester, but they are planned between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. so as to cause the least amount of problems for the students. The one for this semester has not been initiated yet.

Secondly, there is an emergency sce-

nario for just such situations, and it was enacted that night. As noted on the security report, case number 97-02-053, "During the alarm situation, I (supervisor Caldwell) had patrolman Jones open Dana Hall and had the residential life staff offer the students shelter from the cold in room 107."

In conclusion, the fire alarm pulled at 2:16 a.m. that morning was maliciously pulled by someone on the fifth floor. Anyone caught tampering with fire equipment this year will be arrested, banned from the residence halls for one year, and fined. I take fire safety extremely seriously. If anyone knows who pulled the fire alarm and helps to identify that person, I will credit \$1,000.00 to his/her account providing that information leads to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for pulling the alarm. This may require testifying in a court of law.

Sincerely,

David B. Oestreicher

Director of Residential life and Judicial Affairs

Volleyball With a Fresh Start Next Fall?

by Kristi Colatosti

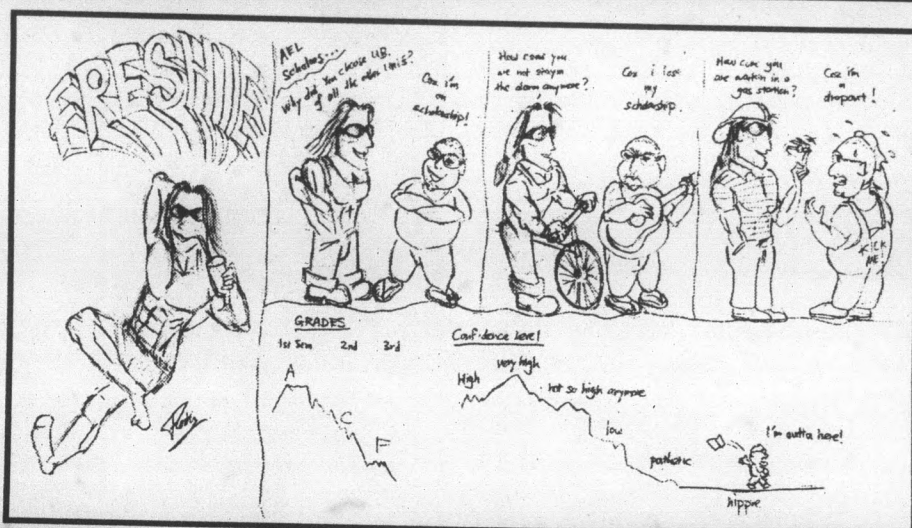
consist of a 12 game schedule.

The University of Bridgeport will try to make a fresh start next fall when the Athletic department reinstates the women's volleyball program.

For the first time since the mid 1980's the University of Bridgeport will have a women's volleyball team. Starting next fall, the University will attempt to field a team of about 14 players. The season will start at the beginning of the fall semester and will

The season will begin with a tournament at Western Connecticut. The team will be coached by Debra Larson, who is also the women's softball coach for the upcoming season.

If anyone is interested in participating in the upcoming season, please contact Debra Larson at 576-4736. In order to be eligible you must be a full time student in good academic standing at the University of Bridgeport.



1997 UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT WOMEN'S SOFT BALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
March			
26	Wednesday	QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE	3:00 PM
29	Saturday	NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE	1:00 PM
April			
2	Wednesday	SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY	3:00 PM
4	Friday	at New York Tech	2:30 PM
5	Saturday	UMASS LOWELL	1:00 PM
6	Sunday	at Teikyo Post College	1:00 PM
8	Tuesday	MOLLOY COLLEGE	3:30 PM
9	Wednesday	at Southern Connecticut	3:00 PM
11	Friday	at C.W. Post College	3:00 PM
12	Saturday	at University at Albany	1:00 PM
14	Monday	at L.I.U.-Southampton	3:00 PM
17	Thursday	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL	2:30 PM
19	Saturday	at Keene State College	1:00 PM
20	Sunday	BENTLEY COLLEGE	1:00 PM
23	Wednesday	UNIVERSITY AT STONY BROOK	3:00 PM
25	Friday	at Dowling College	2:00 PM
26	Saturday	at Franklin Pierce College	1:00 PM
28	Monday	ASSUMPTION COLLEGE	3:00 PM
29	Tuesday	at University of New Haven	3:00 PM

Bodine Hall Student Government presents

Eddie
March 6 @ 9:00p.m.

In the Name of the Father
March 9 @ 7:00p.m. [St. Patrick Day Special]

True Lies
March 9 @ 9:00p.m.

Set It Off
March 13 @ 9:00p.m.

Join the International Relations Club on a trip to

WASHINGTON, D.C.

When: Sat. March 15 - Tue. March 18 (Spring Break)

Cost: \$160 (IRC Members)
\$175 (Everyone else)

Trip includes:

Round trip transportation via van
3 nights lodging at the Best Western Hotel (Downtown)
Continental breakfast each morning

To reserve a space on this trip, the total trip cost is required as soon as possible. sign-up in Rm. 116, Student Center

Tamarica Cafe II

Monday to Friday 7am to 10pm

Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 10pm

Great Hot & Cold Food
All sorts of delicious snacks
Flavored coffee
Cold sodas
Fruity Juices
Refreshing Ice Cream

Special Offer 7-9:30pm
Buy 1 Foot Long & Get 2nd for half price
Valid Until April 3

Pool Room \$5.00 hour
Bowling Alley \$2.00/game or \$5.00/3 games

Sports

Women's Gymnastics

Purple Knights Enter Final Month of the Season

by Chhin Chhay
& Nikola Dimitrov

UB women's gymnastics final home meet of the season is scheduled for March 8 at the Wheeler Recreation Center against the University of Pennsylvania. The Purple Knights play at arch-rival Southern Connecticut on March 15 before they return to SCSU for the ECAC Championship meet on March 22.

Prior to Saturday's (March 1) tri-meet at the University of Rhode Island along with the University of Vermont, the Bridgeport women carried a 9-2 overall record.

"Our team enters the final month of the regular season with high expectations," wrote Athletic Director Bob Baird in a press release to The Scribe.

"We've been performing very well," said veteran UB Coach Lorraine Duffy. "The team is peaking at the right time. We hope to carry it right through the ECAC and the USGA Nationals," Duffy said.

Bridgeport is ranked sixth in the latest USA Gymnastics poll with a national qualifying average of 188.215 through eight meets. UB is expected to garner one of the berths in the USGA Nationals, which will be April 10-12 at Seattle Pacific University.

The players are in high spirits as well. "This is the strongest team we've had since I've been here," said Tara Borgstrom. "The relationships among us



From left, first row: co-captains Angela Varney and Tara Borgstrom; second row - Assistant Coach Dick Terry, Kori Erskine, Casi Clayton, Angela Currie and Terrie-Ann Bunckek; third row - Celina Gonzalez, Kelli Mugglin, Dana Scanlon, Stephanie Dlugas, Amanda Wright, and Head Coach Lorraine Duffy.

are excellent. Everyone is cheering and helping the others," she added.

Tara also attributes the team's success to the coach's ability to motivate and inspire the players not only to practice hard, but also to put a lot of effort in

their academic work.

This attitude has already produced good results as the gymnasts combined their sports accomplishments with an average GPA of 3.44.

Men's Basketball

The End to Another Long Season

by John Margiotta

The University of Bridgeport's Men's basketball season has come to a close as the Purple Knights finish off with a dismal 5-2 overall and 2-16 in the conference.

Bridgeport, ended this season, with probably one of the worst records in Coach Webster's era as a college coach. "It was a long season," Webster said.

Although the Purple Knights won one and lost two, against Southern Connecticut and the University of New Haven, they did finish on a positive note, defeating Keene State at home 86-81.

The terrific trio Vondell Wright (Sophomore), Ozier Hastings (Sophomore), and Billy Blackburn (Junior) joined together for 66 points total. Hastings with a double-double 27 points-17 rebounds.

For the Conference second team, Vondell Wright led the NECC with his average of 23 points per game. After sitting out last year, Wright came in fired up for this season with lots of confidence and something to prove. "I went into every game to have fun, I wish we could've won more games," says Wright. Wright also spoke about how he was pleased with the effort from the young and inexperienced team.

The Purple Knights will work hard in the off-season and come back strong for the 1997-1998 season. Coach Webster will not stand for another grueling season, so watch out for Bridgeport next year.

High Hopes for Softball Season

by Kristi Colatosti

The hopes for a winning softball season are alive again, after a losing season last Spring. Even though the team has been struggling with limited reinforcement, with luck the team's talented players will overcome that obstacle and the season will be a successful one.

The lady Knights will be playing with 8-9 regular players and will be coached by Debra Larson. Larson will be assisted by a newcomer to the University's Athletic department, Donna McLean. McLean, from Westfield,

Massachusetts, now resides in Stratford, Connecticut. McLean attended Westfield State and has played with the Brakettes. She was the leading hitter for the Brakettes during the 1996 season.

On March 15, the Lady Knights will be heading to Orlando, Florida for Spring training. The team will return on March 23 and will hopefully be prepared for the 19 game schedule ahead of them.

Their first home game will be on Wednesday, March 26 against Quinnipiac College at 3:00pm. Please come and support your team.

1996-97 UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS RESULT
& SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
December 15	at Rhode Island College	W, 182.75-173.875	1-0
January 11	M.I.T	W, 184.700-169.025	2-0
January 18	at West Chester/Alaska4	UB 184.20, West Chester 181.88, Alaska 172.10	4-0
January 25	at Cornell/ West Chester	UB 184.825, Cornell 178.475, West Chester 172.350	6-0
February 2	at Springfield College	W, 187.675-181.400	7-0
February 9	at UMass/URI	UMass 194.915, URI 191.325, UB 190.875 (new record)	7-2
February 15	BROWN	W, 187.325-179.725	8-2
February 22	RHODE IS. COLLEGE	W, 190.375-174.650	9-2

REMAINING MEETS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
March 1	Rhode Island/w Vermont	Away	TBA
March 8	U. PENN	Home	1 P.M.
March 15	Southern Connecticut	Away	2 p.m.
March 22	ECAC Championships	Away	TBA

Interested In Writing
about Women's Sports?

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